

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph following the words FIELD OF INVENTION on page 1 as follows:

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The instant invention relates generally to [holders which receive an article] toothbrushes and more specifically it relates to an [article] assembly which may contain a combination of appealing qualities to a child and thereby may promote a superior way to achieve desirable habits associated with good oral hygiene.

Please amend the paragraph following the words DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART on page 2, lines 2-4 as follows:

There are various advantages in storing [an article] a toothbrush in an upright position, and numerous patents have disclosed holders or stands for retaining [an article] a toothbrush in a vertical...

Please amend objects 1-4 following the words SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION on page 3 as follows:

A first object of the present invention is to provide an [article] assembly that will overcome the shortcomings of the prior art devices.

A second object is to provide an [article] assembly comprising [an article] a toothbrush having a [receivable] first and second end, and a bristle head being positioned on the first side of the first end, and a stand for retaining the [article] brush in a vertical position when the stand is placed on a horizontal surface.

A third object is to provide an [article] assembly, in which the stand is releasably connected to the [articles] toothbrush handle [receiving end].

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A forth object is to provide an [article] assembly, in which the stand is a pair of feet which are positioned together to form a continuous bottom supporting surface and a single heel portion, wherein the single heel portion includes a recess for selectively receiving the [receivable] second end of the [article] toothbrush handle therein.

Please amend objects 5-8 on page 4 as follows:

A fifth object is to provide an [article] assembly, in which a base is connected to the bottom side of the foot stand for providing additional stability to the foot stand.

A sixth object is to provide an [article] assembly, in which the base includes a recess extending therethrough and in alignment with the recess in the foot stand for additionally receiving the [receivable] second end of the [article] toothbrush handle therein, for providing additional stability to the foot stand and [article] brush handle.

A seventh object is to provide an [article] assembly, that is simple and easy to use.

An eight object is to provide an [article] assembly, that is economical in cost to manufacture.

Please amend paragraphs 2 and 3 followings the words BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES on page 7 as follows:

FIGURE 1 is a front exploded perspective view of the [article] assembly according to the present invention.

FIGURE 2 is a front exploded perspective view of the [article] assembly according to the present invention showing a base for the stand

Please amend page 8 in the specification as follows:



With regard to **FIGURES 1 and 2**, the embodiment of the invention drawn shows an [article] elongated toothbrush handle 1 having a [receivable] first end 2 a second end 3 and a first and second side. A bristle head 4 is positioned on the first side of first end 2. A stand 5 is in the shape of first and second feet **6a** and **6b**. Each first and second feet **6a** and **6b**, are elongated to define a toe end and together a common heel end. First and second feet **6a** and **6b** are joined together and positioned together to form a continuous bottom supporting surface. The heel end of each first and second feet **6a** and **6b**, is positioned together to form a single heel portion 7. Single heel portion 7 includes a recess 8 extending through a top side thereof and towards a sole thereof for selectively receiving [receivable] second end [2] 3 of [article] handle 1 therein, thereby retaining [article] handle 1 in a vertical position when stand 5 is placed on a horizontal surface. First and second feet **6a** and **6b** each include a side surface, the side surfaces intersect one another in a common plane. The toe end of first and second feet **6a** and **6b** are at an acute angle to one another.

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Please amend page 9 in the specification as follows:

If desired, a base 9 could be connected to a bottom side of stand 5 as shown in **FIGURE 2**. Base 9 may include a recess 10 extending therethrough and in alignment with recess 8 in stand 5 for additionally receiving [receivable] second end [2] 3 of [article] handle 1 therein, to provide additional stability to [article] handle 1 and stand 5.

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Please amend page 13 (in the clean copy included with the Preliminary Amendment, and also in the Preliminary Amendment, I believe it was wrongly numbered page 16) following the words ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE in the specification as follows:

An [article] assembly comprising [an article] a toothbrush having a [receivable] first and second end, and a bristle head being positioned on the first side of the first end. A stand in the shape of a pair of feet retains the [article] brush in a vertical position when the stand is placed on a horizontal surface. For additional support, a base may be incorporated with the stand.

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